



## Civil Protection Forum "Towards a more resilient society"

### Conference programme

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**9:00 – 11:00** *Registration and coffee*

**10:00 – 11:00** *Opening of the exhibition*

**11:00 – 12:30** **Opening Session: Enhancing European Resilience**

**Stavros Dimas**, Commissioner for the Environment, European Commission

**Sten Tolgfors**, Minister of Defense, Sweden

**Margareta Wahlström**, Assistant Secretary-General, UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

**Luc van den Brande**, President, Committee of the Regions

**Mario Sepi**, President, European Economic and Social Committee

*Moderator: Rick Thompson, former BBC International News Editor*

**12:30 – 14:00** *Lunch*

**14:00 – 16:00** **Debate 1: Prevention & Precaution: Can we prepare for the unpredictable?**

**Rudolf Niessler**, Director DG Regional Policy, EC

**Dr. Volker Deville**, Executive Vice President, GPP Analysis & Strategy, Allianz SE

**Dick Shoof**, Director General Civil Protection, Netherlands

**Dr. Alex Bowen**, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Centre for Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics

*Moderator: Ms Anya Sitaram, BBC World presenter*

**Debate 2: Risk Perception, Citizens' Self Sufficiency and Civil Protection Response**

**Pia Bucella**, Director Civil Protection, Communication and Legal Affairs, DG Environment, EC

**Bruce Mann**, Head Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office, UK

**Masao Omori**, Director-General for Disaster Management, Japan

**Pilar Gallego**, Director-General for Civil Protection and Emergencies, Spain

**Prof. Ira Helsloot**, Mass Psychologist, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

*Moderator: Aminda Leigh, former BBC journalist, Director Amros Media Solutions*

**16:00 – 16:30** *Coffee Break*

**16:30 – 18:00 Seminar A: European Civil Protection: progress made, challenges and opportunities**

**Peter Simoncelli**, Civil Protection expert, Interior Ministry, Germany

**Patricia Gaspar**, National operations assistant, National Authority for Civil Protection, Portugal

**Philippe Nardin**, Head of International Relations, Operational Crisis Centre, France

**Vladimir Sakharov**, Head of Unit, Joint UN Environmental Programme/United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Environment Unit, Disaster Response Branch

*Moderator: Hans Das, Acting Head of Unit Disaster Response, European Commission*

**Seminar B: Joint Needs Assessment in the immediate aftermath**

**Vladimir Vlcek**, Chief Fire Officer, City of Ostrava, Czech Republic

**Ralph Michael James Stone**, Risk consultant, Great Britain

**Mr. Kjell Larsson**, Head of Operations Section, Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Sweden

**Niels Scott**, Head ACE project, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster and Vulnerability Policy Section

*Moderator: Peter Billing, Head of Monitoring and Information Centre, European Commission*

**Seminar C: Raising citizens' trust and preparedness**

**Patrice Dallem**, Director, First Aid and Emergency Department, French Red Cross

**Katarina Rydberg**, Head of Safety of the Individual Section, Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Sweden

**Takashi Imamura**, Programme Specialist, Section for Disaster Reduction, UNESCO

**Moya Wood-Heath**, Emergency Planning/Civil Protection Advisor, British Red Cross

*Moderator: Ian Clark, Head of Unit, Disaster Prevention and Preparedness, European Commission*

**18:00 – 19:30 Reception**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**10:00 – 12:00 Seminar D: Preparing Europe to receive assistance**

**Helena Lindberg**, Director General, Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Sweden

**Agostino Miozzo**, Director General, Civil Protection Department, Italy

**Liviu Viorel Nemes**, Deputy Inspector General for Emergency Situations, Ministry of Administration and Interior, Romania

**Per- Kristen Brekke**, Deputy Director General, Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning, Norway

**David Fisher**, Coordinator, International Disaster Response Laws, Rules and Principles (IDRL) Programme, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**Peter Glerum**, Deputy Director, National Operational Coordination Centre (LOCC), Netherlands

*Moderator: Pia Bucella, Director Legal Affairs & Civil Protection, DG Environment, European Commission*

## **Seminar E: Existing models of cooperation and sharing resources**

**Carole Cameron**, Director, International Affairs Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA

**Jacqueline Randall**, Director, Ministry of Public Security, Canada

**Raman Letchumanan**, Head of environment and disaster management unit, General Secretariat, ASEAN

**Jerry Collymore**, Coordinator, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

**Yuri Brazhnikov**, Director International cooperation department, EMERCOM, Russia (invited)

*Moderator: Emily Hough, Editor, Crisis Response Journal*

## **Seminar F: Innovative technology for disaster management**

**Chanuka Wategama**, Senior Research Manager, LIRNEasia

**Jérôme Béquignon**, Senior Coordinator, European Space Agency (ESA)

**Jutta Thielen**, Senior Researcher, European Commission Joint Research Centre

**Bernd Noggler**, Project coordinator, Department of Civil Protection, Government of Tirol, Austria

**Eric Davalo**, Chairman Industry Cabinet, Public Safety Communications Europe

*Moderator: Brooks Tigner, Editor-in-Chief, Security Europe*

**12:00 – 13:30** **Lunch**

## **13:30 – 15:30 Debate 3 and Closing Session: Governance in European Disaster Management**

**Karl Falkenberg**, Director-General, DG Environment, European Commission

**Guido Bertolaso**, Under-Secretary of State, Head of the Civil Protection department, Italy

**Peter Altmaier**, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Germany

**Guusje Ter Horst**, Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relation, Netherlands

**Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba**, Minister of the Interior, Spain (invited)

*Moderator: Rick Thompson, former BBC International News Editor*